

HOUSE BILL 540

By Dunn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to the Uniform Classified and Commercial Driver License Act of 1988.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

55-50-354. After July 1, 2011, when an honorably discharged veteran applies for issuance, renewal or replacement of a driver license or photo identification card, such applicant is authorized to submit to the department an authentic copy of the applicant's DD214 form, or, in a case of military service predating 1950, the equivalent form or other official documentation, and request that the word "Veteran" be printed on the applicant's driver license or photo identification card. Eligibility for having the word "Veteran" printed on an applicant's driver license or photo identification card shall be determined by the department in consultation with the appropriate information on the DD214 form, or, in a case of military service predating 1950, in consultation with appropriate information on the equivalent form or on other official documentation, citing that the request is submitted by an honorably discharged veteran.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless, no later than June 30, 2011, the commissioner of safety certifies to the secretary of state, the executive director of the fiscal review committee and the executive secretary of the code commission that the department has received sufficient funds from non-state sources to implement this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state as required by this act. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying such funds within thirty

(30) days of the completion of the department's costs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.